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Silver Lake College is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The Teacher Education Program at Silver Lake College is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

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AN INNOVATIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Licensure Program for
Training New Teachers of the
Blind & Visually Impaired

**New Cycle of Courses
Beginning Summer 2010**

A collaborative project with



**Wisconsin Department
of Public Instruction**

AND

**Wisconsin Center for the
Blind and Visually
Impaired**



Licensure Program

Silver Lake College and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction in collaboration with the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired are providing Wisconsin teachers an opportunity to obtain licensure in the area of visual impairment within the state. The program will meet all requirements for licensure.

The program for licensed special education teachers consists of seven (7) graduate courses plus student teaching & field experience (23 credits). Prerequisite courses are required for non special education licensed teachers. The VI coursework will extend over two years plus an additional summer. The sequence of courses is:

SED	COURSE	SEMESTER	CREDITS
Year One			
513	Visual Impairment	Summer 2010	4
514	Braille	Fall 2010	3
516	Movement Development and O&M	Spring 2011	3
Year Two			
515	Visual Impairment and Communication	Summer 2011	2
519	Braille Technology	Summer 2011	1
517	Reading and Low Vision	Fall 2011	3
518	Education and Assessment VI	Spring 2012	3
550	Field Experiences VI	Any term with permission of VI coordinator	2
668	Student Teaching (Performance Evaluation)	Requires permission of VI coordinator: Concurrent with SED 518 – Spring 2012 OR Fall 2012 upon completion of competencies	2

For additional information or questions contact:

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<http://www.sl.edu/specialedu/visualimpairment.asp>

Questions and Answers

1. How and where will the courses be delivered?

Each semester-long course will have a minimum of three onsite meetings, usually three weekends, with the exception of SED 519 which will require a week of attendance during summer 2011. In addition to onsite meetings, home study and online submission of assignments are required. The courses need to be completed in sequence. If anyone drops out of the sequence, they will need to wait until the next cohort to continue the licensure course sequence from where they discontinued. Occasionally students may be required to attend a specific statewide institute, event, or conference that relates to coursework.

The locations for each course will vary depending on course needs and the location of cohort members.

2. What prerequisites are required?

- (a) special education license, or
- (b) general education license, and willingness to acquire core special education coursework concurrently, or
- (c) 4-year college degree, with willingness to acquire pre-requisite teacher education program first license requirements and the core special education coursework prior to beginning the VI course sequence.
- (d) Each applicant will be individually evaluated. For more information go to: <http://www.sl.edu/specialedu/visualimpairment.asp>

3. What is the registration procedure?

Complete an online application to SLC (<http://www.sl.edu>) for VI licensure. Contact Sister Mary Karen Oudeans at 920-686-6157 or oudeans@silver.sl.edu with questions.

4. How long will it take to complete the VI licensure program?

For persons having a special education license, it will take a minimum of two years and perhaps an additional summer. For persons without a special education license, time will vary. Students can register for SED 668 (Student Teaching) only when all coursework and other requirements are completed.

5. How much will it cost?

The 2010-2012 tuition for VI courses is 50% of the Teacher Licensure tuition. Pre-requisite courses are charged at SLC tuition costs. A special state loan program is available that does not have to be paid back if the borrower meets certain future work commitments. Loans range from \$250-\$10,000 annually, up to \$40,000 maximum. To be eligible, you must be a WI resident, be accepted for Admission and enrolled during a semester in the SLC Visual Impaired Licensure Program and file a FAFSA annually (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). For loan information from the Office of Financial Aid, go to <http://www.sl.edu/financial/TLLoans.asp> and from the State, go to <http://heab.wi.gov/programs.html>.

6. Can I earn a master's degree?

Yes. A Master of Arts in Special Education degree can be earned from Silver Lake College through acceptance into the Masters of Arts in Special Education program and additional coursework.

